

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DERAILMENT OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that the incidents of derailment of trains occurred frequently near Vinnamangalam railway station in Coimbatore-Chennai Section of Southern Railway and many of the passengers had a miraculous escape in those incidents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Railways to avert such derailment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): Only one derailment near Vinnamangalam Station of Southern Railway has taken place during the last three years. On 28.01.2007, five coaches of Train No.2674 Up Coimbatore – Chennai Central Cheran Express derailed, as a result of which, one passenger sustained grievous injury and nine others suffered simple injuries. As per preliminary report, the accident occurred due to failure of equipment. However, final report of Commissioner of Railway Safety, Southern Circle, is awaited.